TRUST COMPANY ASSIGNS

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PHILADELPHIA BANK FAILURES.

A PROSPECT THAT THE DEBTS OF BOTH INSTI-TUTIONS WILL BE PAID IN FULL-MR.

SINGERLY ISSUES A STATEMENT. Philadelphia, Dec. 24 .- William M. Singerly, president of the Chestnut Street National Bank and its illied institution, the Chestnut Street Trust and Saving Fund Company, which collapsed yesterday saued this statement to the public to-night: "On Tuesday next, or, at the latest, on Wednesday, a ian now being formulated, requiring the devotion to its purpose of all my assets, will be submitted to my creditors and to the creditors of the Chestnut Street National Bank and the Chestnut Street Trust and Saving Fund Company. I believe, and this belief is shared by those who have been in ed of the situation, that with this plan, which will involve partly an acceptance of 'Record' Pub shing Company stock, approved by the creditors, none of them ultimately will lose anything."

The only other development in the situation today was the formal assignment of the trust company to George H. Earle, ir., president of the Tradesmen's National Dank and other financial in-stitutions, and Richard Y. Cook, president of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company. This was a natural outcome of the failure, and the step was taken after a long session of the Board of Directors of the trust company. The deed unreservedly convers all the property of the company to the ansignees.

A SETTLEMENT IN FULL EXPECTED. Mr. Singerly's statement comes as the result of a conference of the directors of the defunct concerns held to-day, and it is generally believed that he hope of an eventual settlement in full will be

realized. A statement will be issued within a day or two showing the exact condition of the companies' af-

The only other embarrassment thus far resulting from the crash was the assignment to-day of the Philadelphia Binding and Mailing Company, small organization incorporated in Maine.

The bank examiner and his assistants spent the greater part of the day going over the books of the two companies, but declined to make any state ment.

dred deposit accounts, and the trust company about thirty-two hundred. State Bank Commissioner Glikeson and Attorney-General McCormick were engaged to-day in inquiring into the condition of the State's deposit in the bank and looking after interests of depositors of the trust company, which is incorporated under the State laws

George H. Earle, jr., one of the assignces, said: 'The only active connection that the company has with the bank is as a depositor, and it has only the same rights possessed by other depositors, so far as securing its money is concerned. I believe that if the people act as if they were sane and pre serve proper discretion, the creditors of both institutions will receive dollar for dollar. My exact thought is that there is sufficient property to make good all legitimate claims, and if the people will by exercising their patience avoid the destruction of that property everybody will be protected. The trust company will take its place with the other depositors in the bank, and will only obtain its depositors in the bank, and will only obtain its funds when dividends are declared. I am now working on the accounts, to be able to make a statement to-morrow or Monday.

The rumors concerning the Security Trust and Life Insurance Company, of which ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison is president, are entirely unfounded. Clarence E. Cook, secretary and treasurer of the company, sald to-day that the company had had a small deposit in the thesting Street National Bank, but that the present their for the emergency, and antisigness the state of the Singerly is a direct and a state of the stat

A STATEMENT BY "THE RECORD "The Record" to-day published the folio-

editorial:

To the public: "The Record" is compelled to make a painful personal announcement this morning. Owing to the financial embarrassment of William M. Singerly, president of The Record Profishing Company, the Chestnut Street National Bursk and the Chestnut Street Trust and Savings Fund Company were obliged to suspend business yesterday. The weight which proved too heavy for Mr. Singerly to carry was his large investment in the Singerly Pulp and Paper Mills, at Elkton. Md. The extreme shrinkage in the price of paper and the resulting depreciation of the value of that property was the primary cause of his embarrassment and of the suspension of the bank and trust company with which he has been so closely property was the primary cause or his embarrassment and of the suspension of the bank and trust
company with which he has been so closely
identified. An extraordinary effort was made before the announcement of the suspension yesterday to tide over the difficulty, and Mr. Singerly's
friends railled to his assistance with rate generosity and fidelity, but it was found impracticable
to turn the assets at his disposal into a shape to
meet immediate requirements. A complete statement of the condition of the Chestnut Street National Bank will be soon available.

It is probable that such arrangements will be
perfected as will enable the bank to liquidate its
obligations without the necessity or delay of a receivership. In "The Record" property Mr. Singerly
has a valuable asset. The earnings of this iournal
during the year 1896, in excess of all expenditures,
were \$20,000. With such a money-maker to fall
back upon, and with grim determination to pay
every dollar he owes, he hopes to redeem his credit
and satisfy his creditors.

THE ELKTON BANK AVERTS A RUN. Elkton, Md., Dec. 24.-When the news of the closing of the Chestnut Street National Bank, of Philadelphia, of which William M. Singerly is president, reached this town yesterday afternoon it had a disturbing effect upon the depositors of the Second National Bank of Elkton, of which Mr Singerly is vice-president and a heavy stockholder. The news reached Elkton shortly before the closing hour of the bank, and, as a result, few were aware of the failure of the Philadelphia institution, which acts as correspondent for the Elkton bank. The bank opened its doors as usual this morning for business, and a steady stream of de positors filed in, anxious to withdraw their accounts. The officials of the bank, however, ticipated a run, and made preparations for it. The depositors were assured by the president William T. Warburton, and the cashier, Isaac D. Davis T. Warburton, and the cashier, Isaac D. Davis, that the institution was perfectly solvent and fully able to meet all its outstanding obligations. As a result of these assurances, many depositors decided to retain their funds in the bank. It is feared that the deancial troubles of Mr. Singerly will close his mills in this county.

BURIAL OF MARTIN J. OAKLEY.

A THOUSAND PERSONS IN THE PUNERAL PRO-CESTION.

The funeral of Martin J. Oakley, a brother of John T. Oakley, Alderman and Councilman-elect, who was suffecated by smoke and gas while fighting a fire in the tenement, No. 426 East Fourteenth-st., on Tuesday night, took place yesterday morning. Nearly two thousand persons, most of whom had been his friends for many years. were present at the funeral. Not until The rning did John T. Oakley, who is confined to his home suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, learn of the death of his brother. His relatives and friends had thought best to withold the news from him till the last moment for fear that it would aggravate his condition.

The body was taken from No. 262 Avenue A to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Fourteenth-st., near Avenue A, where solemn high mass was celebrated for the repose of the soul of the dead fireman by Father Edwards, assisted by Fathers Kelly, Breslin and Driscoll, as deacon, sub-deacon and master of ceremonies.

The procession was led by Engine Company No. 5, of which the dead man was a member; then came the pall-bearers, six members of the company, carrying the casket on their shoulders. They were followed by a detail of thirty-two firemen, representing all the fire companies in this city, the Alert Council of the Catholic Benevolent League and the Tammany Hall organization of the XIVth Assembly District. Nearly a thousand persons marched behind the political association. The burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Among those at the service were President Sheffield of the Board of Fire Commissioners; Chief Bonner, Dr. Johnson, of the Board of Surgeons of the Fire Department; Patrick Keenan, Congressman Suizer, Judge Conlan of the City Court; ex-Register John Reilly and Justice Reilly, of Gravesend, Long Island. rying the casket on their shoulders. They were foi-

A WESTERN BROKER ARRESTED.

Franklin K. Dobson, a guest at the Imperial Hotel, was arrested yesterday morning by Central Office Detectives Haggerty nd Dailey on suspicion

of being a fugitive from justice. A telegram had been received by the police from Portland, Ore., where the prisoner is a banker and broker, asking that Dobson might be arrested on a charge of obtaining money on false pretences. raigned in court Dobson said that a client of his had lost \$150 in speculation, and it was this per-ton who had caused his arrest.
"He is simply trying to have me locked up over Christmas," said the broker. "I had my trunks all packed, intending to return to Portlett i who had caused his arrest. He is simply trying to have me locked up over ristmas," said the broker. "I had my trunks packed, intending to return to Portland to-

Magistrate Kudlich, after reading letters of the prisoner, released him under \$1,000 ball, pending the receipt of further details from the Chief of Police of Portland.

JUSTICE PARKER'S SUCCESSOR.

SENATOR PLATTS OPPOSITION TO THE CHOICE OF DEPUTY-ATTORNEY-GENERAL

HASBROUCK. Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 24 (Special).—Justice Alton B. Parker, of this city, will retire from the Su-Bench on December 21, and will become Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. This wil cessarily cause a vacancy in the Supreme Court which must be filled at once, and there is great curiosity among lawyers, laymen and politician as to Governor Black's probable choice for Justice Parker's unexpired term. The judicial district has within its limits the counties of Colum bia, Sullivan, Ulster, Greene, Albany, Schoharland Rensselaer. Two of the Justices of the district live in Albany County, one in Rensselaer County, one in Columbia County and one in Greene County. There have been candidates for the coming vacancy in the counties of Rensselaer, Schoharie and Ulster, but now it is understood that Governor Black intends to appoint some lawyer living within the limits of this county of Ulster, in consideration of the fact that Justice Parker lived here, and therefore all the candidates have retired, apparently, except those from this county.

County appears to have only two candi dates. They are Gilbert D. B. Hasbrouck, Deputy Attorney-General of the State, and A. T. Clear water, County Judge of Ulster, Mr. Hasbouck I a lawyer of high standing. In 1893 he contested for the nomination for Attorney-General with Theodore Hancock at the Republican State Convention, and received a large vote. As Deputy-Atttorney General he has managed cases of large importance with great skill. But the leaders of the Republican machine have never liked him. Neither Mr. Han-cock nor Mr. Hasbrouck could ever be used for machine purposes as the law officers of the State. Furthermore, Mr. Hasbrouck has always manifested great independence in Ulster County. Finally, he had the audacity to favor the nomination of William McKinley for President, and actually had the boldness to go to St. Louis and tell the delegates to the National Republican Convention that the maority of the Republicans of New-York State desired

Major McKinley's nomination. Senator Platt cannot forgive the Deputy-Attor-ney-General for thus supporting McKinley, and consequently is opposing his appointment as judge. Moreover, Mr. Platt has a candidate of his own in Judge Clearwater. Another of Judge Clearwater's supporters is Samuel D. Coykendall, who was one of the delegates of this Congress district at the National Republican Convention, and who c the nomination of Major McKinley and favored that

of Levi P. Morton. Governor Black has been talking recently about the necessity of "reconciling Republicans" who have been manifesting a spirit of independence: and there is curiosity, therefore, to learn if he will join Mr. Platt in making an attack on Mr. Hasrouck and refusing him the appointment as idge. Thus far, it is pointed out, Mr. Black judge. has made nothing but machine appointments, as for instance, that of Louis F. Payn for Superintendent of the Insurance Department, of George W. Dunn and Frank M. Baker as Railroad Commisioners, and of John F. Parkhurst as Judge of the Court of Claims.

Mr. Hasbrouck has just filed with Governor Black letters from ex-Senator William H. Robertson, ex-Senator Edmund L. Pitts, William Brookfield Theodore Roosevelt, ex-Assemblyman Milo M. Acker and ex-Assemblyman William T. O'Neil favoring his appointment as judge. These men all belong to the independent, conservative element of the Republican party.

JUSTICE WOODWARD DESIGNATED.

Justice John Woodward, of Jamestown, who has heen designated by Governor Black as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Second Judicial Department, is to cred Justice George B. Bradley. The term begins on January 1, 1898, and is for five years, alrugh the Governor has the power to designate a series to the Appellate Division for the full term which he was elected. Justice Woodward is a wan, and was elected in 1896 for the full fourteen years. The Appellate Division of and Department will consist of the following lanuary i William W. Goodrich, Ite-publica, Brooklyn, Edgar M. Cullen, Democrat, of Schooklyn, William Bartlett, Democrat, of Brooklyn, Sward W. Hatch, Republican, of Bufalo, and John Woodward, Republican, of Jamestown.

A DIAMOND FOR "JOHNNY" SIMPSON.

HIS ASSOCIATION HOLDS A STAG AND GIVES HIM A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

John Simpson, who for more than thirty years was closely identified with Republican politics in the NIIth Assembly District, and who at the close of the last municipal campaign was haptized into the ratio faith, was the recipient last night at the annual "stag" of the association which bear name of a handsome diamond ring, given as Christmas present by his followers and political The entertainment, reception and presentation took place in the rooms of the John Simpson Association, at No. 2 Pitt-st. Patrick in Clarke, president of the association, made the presentation address, and in it he recounted political entation address, and in it he recounted political services rendered to the district by Mr. Simpson. The chairman of the Entertainment Committee, George Hammer, added a few words of congratulation, and Mr. Simpson then accepted the presention, and the simpson then accepted the presention, and the simpson and said that its sparkling would at all times tend to remind him of the goodwill and friendship of the members of the association of which he is the standard-hearer.

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

Miss Nita Carritte, who was to appear as the Queen in "The Queen's Lace Handkerchief," at the American Theatre this afternoon and evening, is unable to do so, and her place will be taken by Miss Anna Lichter. The full cast of the operetta wi

ns follows:
 The King Miss Lizzie Macanzing The Queen Miss Anna Lizzie Donna frene Miss Grane Lizzie Marquise Miss Cara Vision Marquise Miss Cara Vision Prims Minister William G. St. and Don Sancto Baymend Hittories Minister of War Frank W. Minister of Finance Cherles W. Minister of the Interior Frank Riving Minister of the Interior Frank Riving Minister of the Navy W. C. Brokins Minister of the Navy W. C. Brokins Minister of Finance F. F. Finance F. Finance F. F. Finance F. F. Finance F. Fin
Mester of Ceremonies Ruth White Actoria Junkceper John Rea

James K. Hackett, the leading man of Lyceum Theatre company, who has been seriously sick for some time, was reported to be better yesterday, but his recovery is still likely to be slow and Daniel Frohman announced that Mr. Hackett would not appear again in "The Princess and the Butterfly," the play now running at the Lyceum. As soon as he is able Mr. Hackett will go to Lake-

Miss Julia Marlowe, who was reported to be seriously sick in Cincinnati, telegraphed from there yesterday that she should leave there for Newlast night and that she expected to be able lay on January 3, the time announced for her ling at the Knickerbocker Theatre.

The first performance of Suppe's "The Model" will be given at the Irving Place Theatre to-day, with Mme. Julie Kopacsy in the leading part.

The annual Christmas Eve celebration at Weber & Feilds's Music Hall took place last night after the performance. There was a Christmas tree on the stage, and every employe of the house received a present. Mr. Weber and Mr. Fields received each a loving cup from the employes.

Rudolph Aronson, manager of the Bijou Theatre was the recipient yesterday of a unique Christmas present in the shape of a "Rosenbouquet," the gift of Sydney Rosenfeld, Edward Rosenbaum, manager of the May Irwin company; "Jake" Rosenthal, manager of the "What Happened to Jones" company; J. Wesley Rosenguest, manager of the Fourteenth Street Theatre, and Gabriel Rosenberg, composer of the "Honeymoon March."

It is announced at Keith's that the doors of that house will open before 9 o'clock this morning, and that the performance will last uninterruptedly until nearly 11:30 at night.

EACH KILLED THE OTHER.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 24.-Phillip Poston, a deputysheriff of Williamsburg, and Henry Turner, a killed each other near Kingstree to-day. The officer went to the negro's house to arrest him. It is not known with what crime he was accused. There seems to have been no witness of the trag-edy. Pistol shots were heard at Turner's house, and later the two men were found near each other

WOODRUFF'S NEW SECRETARY.

Albany, Dec. 24.-Lieutenant-Governor Timothy L. Woodruff has selected as his private secretary for the session of 1898, Merten E. Lewis, of Rochester. to succeed Colonel Selden E. Marvin, of Albany who resigned to go West. Mr. Lewis was a member of the last constitutional convention, and has served in the State Assembly, and was at one time Acting Mayor of Rochester. He is at present the secretary of the State Forest Preserve Board.

DINNERS AND ENTERTAINMENTS FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE POOR.

Christmas weather arrived yesterday morning. t was as cold a December 24 as the Weather Buenu has ever recorded. At 7 o'clock, when the nercury had been steadily falling for twelve hours. he thermometer stood at 9 degrees above zero It did not go much above the 20 mark at the warmest part of the day, and toward evening it egan to draw close to its 7 o'clock mark. It was bitterly cold day, for not only was the temperaure low, but the wind blew briskly and keenly

It was a disagreeable day for those who had ostponed their shopping until the last possible noment, but it was a record-breaking day for the thops. On no previous Christmas has the business qualled that of yesterday.

The weather prophets said last night that Christmas Day would be clear and cold and frosty, though a little warmer than yesterday, as a warm vave is reported to be on its way here from the

The day bids fair to be a merry one for all, hough it will not be so merry, perhaps, even for the most favored, as it used to be when Santa Claus came down the chimney in the hours of sleep, instead of coming prosaically up the doorsteps with a eighrette in his mouth and an A. D. C, cap on his head.

In the Tombs the prisoners will have their usual Christmas dinner and entertainment. In all the the almshouse-there will be what good cheer the city can give its charges.

In Webster Hall, in Eleventh-st., between Third and Fourth ares., the American Volunteers will feed 5,000 persons between 12 and 4 o'clock. The Salvation Army will give a dinner for the poor at its barracks, in Third-ave., near Eighty-

The Women's Property Protective League will give a Christmas dinner for poor women at No. 52 West Eighteenth-st.

The Lena Invalid Aid Society will give a ball and

West Eighteenth-st.

The Lena Invalid Aid Society will give a bell and entertainment in the evening at the Central Opera House, in East Sixty-seventh-st., near Third-ave, for the benefit of charity.

The Negro Orphan Asylum will have its usual good time, and there will also be good cheer of the usual sort at the Five Points House of Industry, the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, the Roman Catholic Protectory, the Juvenile Asylum, and at all such institutions throughout the city.

William M. Fless's annual dinner for the newsboys will be held at the Brace Memorial Home.

A popular holiday entertainment will be given this evening at the Harlem branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, No. 5 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., by Ackland Lord Boyle, humorist and impersonator, assisted by the Panarallo brotzers mendolin and guitar soloists.

The Rev. Dr. D. J. McMillian, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, will deliver a Christiams address to men at the Harlem branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, No. 5 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., to-morrow at 4:30 p. m., on The Mission of Jesus Christ.

The first annual Christimas entertainment was held by the Hedford Social Society last evening at the home of E. K. Moore, at No. 8; Lexington-ave.

The children of Industrial School No. 11, at No. 221 East Fifty-second-st., numbering about two hundred, enjuyed a Christmas dinner yesterday.

The schoolrooms in Fifty-second-st. are not large enough to seat all the children at one term, so the Goodwill Chapel, at No. 21 East Fifty-first-st. was used for the purpose. The expense of the dinner was borne by Mrs. C. G. Emery.

The children who attend the kindergarten school in the East River House, at the foot of East Seventy-sixth-st., received their Christmas presents last night. The school numbers about fifty pupils. A Christmas tree was provided for them, and from a huge bail of fianner, from which each child is to be provided with a suit of underwear, nu

A FESTIVAL FOR SEAMEN.

A Christmas festival was begun last night in the home of the Seamen's Christian Association, at Washington and West Tenth sts., and it will be continued to-night. The festival was largely attended. There was a song service and a short address by the Rev. Dr. Henry Wilson, the president of the association, which was followed by refreshments. Each man received a "comfort bag" containing various articles handy to have when at sea, a bag of candy and other presents. Donations of money, fruit and cake will be gladly

eccived for this evening's festival, when it is ex-

pected that there will be a large attendance The association is a worthy one, and merits support. The men who frequent its rooms are mostly from the steamship lines along the North River. A realing-room is maintained, where newspapers and magazines are provided, and there are writing materials for the use of the seamen. As soon as the men reach port they go to the rooms to receive and write letters. Services are held in the evenings, and they are well attended. The association also holds services on board the ship in the spring and summer. It assists sick sallors and helps those in distress. The association is non-sectarian, and is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. It has no endowments and no debts, and none of the officers or managers receive any compensation for their labors. The officers are: President, the Rev. Dr. Henry Wilson, secretary, Miss. Emma M. Bangs: treasurer, Walnwright Hardle. All contributions of money, clothing, etc., should be sent to the treasurer, No. 20 Pinest. Contributions in aid of the present festival should be sent to the association's home. materials for the use of the seamen. As soon as

A HOMELESS OLD MAN'S CHRISTMAS.

Nearly frozen and with a long cut on his forehead, Nelson Anderson, a Dane, sixty-two years old, was found last night sitting on a bench in City Hall Park. He was thinly clad and in a starving condition. Park Policeman Dillon took the old man into the Park police station, at No. 22 Chambers-st. Anderson said that he was a less laborer, out of work and friendless. He was taken in an ambulance to the Hudson Street Hospital, where he will have a good Christmas dinner with the other patients.

A SING SING PRISONER DROPS DEAD. Diedrich Tragman, fifty-five years old, a convict sentenced from New-York in 1895, who was serving a three years' term for forgery, dropped dead in his cell in the State Prison at Sing Sing last in his cell in the State evening. He was convicted of forgery in giving evening. He was convicted of forgery in giving evening ball. Trafman had been assigned to the evening ball. Trafman had been assigned to the ish-house, where he was superintendent, a it evening walked to his cell with the rest of ti-ng. Soon after entering he fell dead from hea-cage. His term would have expired in May.

DUCK-SHOOTER NEARLY SWEPT TO SEA.

Leon Raussel, of New-York City, a Frenchman, put off from Coney Island yesterday morning in amali boat to shoot ducks. The strong tide and wind swept him down the bay so rapidly that he was unable to return to the shore. Rausse! found his boat filling with water and the spray covered him, freezing as it fell. Fortunately, the tug C. W. Standard, returning from sea, picked him up and took him to the boarding station at Quarantine. The boat which Raussel used was a small scow, built of heavy planks, about ten feet long, with a breadth of two and a half feet—an unseatith. worthy craft.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

YESTERDAY'S RECORD AND TO-DAY'S FORECAST. Washington, Dec. 24.—The area of high pressure has moved from lowa to West Virginia, increasing in magnitude. The pressure continues high in the middle plateau The storm has continued steady over Newfoundand and the advance of the high area to West Virginia land, and the advance of the high area to West Virginia has caused very steep gradients and northwesterly gales along the Middle and North Atlantic coasts. A second storm has moved from Assination to Manitoba, increasting in intensity. Snow has occurred in the lower lake region and New England, and light rain in Texas. The temperature has follow in the Atlantic States, has risen in the Missouri and Upper Mississippi valleys and in the upper lake region, and has remained nearly stationary cisewhere. Cenerally fair weather may be expected east of the Mississippi Valley.

DETAILED FORECAST FOR TO-DAY. For New-England, fair till Sunday; northwest to w alex becoming southwest and diminishing; warmer Sat-

For Eastern New-York, Eastern Pennsylvania and Newtersey, fair; northwesterly winds, becoming variable; lowly rising temperature Saturday afternoon or night. For the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland and 'irginia, generally fair, slowly rising temperature; variable winds.
For Western Pennsylvania and Western New-Terk, fair,
probably followed by snow flurries on the lakes; warmer;
fresh southerly winds.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS HOURS: Morning. Night, 1234567 891011 30.0 29.5 In this diagram a continuous white line shows the changes in pressure as indicated by The Tribune's self-recording barometer. The dotted line shows the temperature as recorded at Perry's Pharmacy.

was clear and cold. The temperature ranged between 11 and 24 degrees, the average (17%) being 12% lower than that of Thursday and 21s higher than that of the cor-responding day of last year.

The weather in the vicinity will continue fair to-day

SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTY-THREE.

J. BAYARD BACKUS AT THE HEAD OF THAT ON ENROLMENT, AND GENERAL SWAYNE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

William H. Kenyon, chairman of the Committee of Fifty-three, which is arranging for the new Republican organization, yesterday announced the sub-committees on Enrolment and Constitution, respectively, which he was authorized at the meeting of the committee at the Windsor Hotel on Tuesday night to appoint. They are as follows:

COMMITTEE ON ENROLMENT.

J. BAYARD BACKUS, JUDSON LAWSON.
Chairman.
Dr. U. W. C. BURKE.
ANDREW F. GUGEL.
FRANK B. GUEST.
THOMAS STURGIS.
JUDSON LAWSON.
P. TECUMSEH SHERMAN.
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WAGER SWAYNE, Chair- JAMES S. LEHMAIER, man. CHASE MELLEN, A. FRANK CARLL. LOUIS T. GOLDING. BENJAMIN E. HALL. The XXVIIth Assembly District Republican

Club has invited both these committees to use its rooms, in Sixth-ave., near Forty-third-st., for their meetings until permanent headquarters are secured. The Enrolment Committee



GENERAL WAGER SWAYNE Chairman of Sub-Committee on Constitution of the Committee of Fifty-three.

has accepted the offer and will hold its first meeting at the clubrooms on Monday night, and the Committee on Constitution will meet on the same evening at No. 3 West Forty-third-st. The latter committee will draft a constitution as promptly as possible, for submission to and approval by the Committee of Fifty-three; and as soon as that action is taken the Committee on Enrolment, which meanwhile will occupy itself with the selection of enrolling officers in the several Assembly districts, will proceed with the actual work of a general enrolment of Republican voters, preparatory to the holding of the primary elections.

General Wager Swayne, chairman of the Committee of Fifty-three's sub-committee on constitution, was born at Columbus, Ohio, on November 10, 1834, and is a son of the late Noah Haynes Swayne, who from 1862 to 1881 was an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Wager Swayne was graduated from Yale in 1856 and from the Cincinnati Law



J. BAYARD BACKUS. Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Enrolment of the Committee of Fifty-three.

School in 1859. For the next two years he practised law in Columbus, and upon the breaking out of the Civil War enlisted in the 43d Ohlo Volunteers, of which he was successively major, lieutenant-colonel and colonel. He lost a less in the engagement at Salkahatchie, S. C., and was brevetted brigadier-general of volunteers. In the spring of 1865 he was made a full brigadier-general, and soon afterward major-general. In 1866 he became colonel of the 45th Regular Infantry, and the next year received the brevets of brigadier-general in the Regular Army for gallant and meritorious service in the action of Rivers Bridges, S. C., and major-general for services during the war. He acted as a commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau in Alabama, where he was in command of the United States forces after the war; and he also had charge of the administration in that State of the Reconstruction acts, organizing a system of common schools for colored children. In 1870 he retired from the Army and resumed the practice of his profession, taking up his residence in Toledo, Ohio. Ten years later he removed to this city, where he has been in active practice ever since. He is counsel for various corporations, and is one of the foremost lawyers of the country. He is a member of the Union League Club, the Military Club, the Loyal Legion, the City Club, the Church Club and the D. K. E. Club. General Swayne has long been prominent in the councils of the Republican party, standing always for purity and fair dealing in politics. He is president of the Republican Organization of the City of New-York, which recently joined with the Windsor Hotel conference of Republicans in the preliminary steps for instituting a new organization, now assured, which should include all the Republicans of New-York City who are opposed to the methods practised by the machine organization, of which Lemuel E. Quigg is the

J. Bayard Backus, chairman of the Sub-Committee on Enrolment, is a lawyer, with offices at No. 45 Broadway. He was born at Schenectady, N. Y., on September 30, 1855. His father was the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Trumbull Backus, one of the most widely known Presbyterian clergymen of the United States, and his mother was a daughter of Reuben Hyde Walworth, last Chancellor of the State of New-York. Mr. Backus was graduated from Union College in the class of '74, and, after studying law in Schenectady, was admitted to the bar in 1878. He married in 1877 Miss Cornella N. Price, daughter of Joshua C. Price, of Rockingham County, Va. Mr. Backus was one of the incorporators of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and is an active member of its Board of Assistants, and is also a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, the New-England Society and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and J. Bayard Backus, chairman of the Sub-Comciety and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and a Fellow of the American Geographical Society. He is not without experience in the sort of duties which will be required of him in the post for which Chairman Kenyon of the Committee

PREPARING CHRISTMAS CHEER. IN CHARGE OF ACTIVE WORK of Fifty-three has selected him, for he was chairman of the District Committee in the old chairman of the District Committee in the old XVIIth Assembly District during the reorgani-zation of the Republican party by the Commit-tee of Thirty, and in that capacity looked after all the details of the enrolment, giving a month of his time to the work. Mr. Backus went to Schenectady yesterday to spend Christmas, but schenectady yesterday to spend Christmas, but will return to the city in time to attend the first meeting of the Enrolment Committee in Monday night. Beginning on Tuesday morning, he will be at the rooms of the XXVIIth District Club every day, from 9 o'clock in the morning until night, to attend to the details of the work of the present Enrolment Committee, or at the permanent headquarters when they shall have been selected, until the committee's task is completed.

TAMMANY AND THE SCHOOLS

There is considerable speculation in the air as t the intention of the Tammany rulers with regard to the School Commissioners whose terms do not expire with the end of Mayor Strong's administration. The Commissioners have little doubt as to the outcome of the struggle if Tammany should attempt to remove them before the expiration of their terms, but if the attempt should be made they will endeavor to have the matter settled with as little hinderance to the operation of the school machinery as possible.

Samuel Untermyer, the partner of Randolph Guggenheimer, president-elect of the Council, admits that he has been asked for an opinion as to the probable result of an attempt to oust the Commissioners, but he will not admit that Tammany sked the opinion or that it was asked by any person now holding a city office. There is no doubt that Tammany contemplates the attempt to get rid of the Commissioners, and will base the attempt, if it is made, upon the act which gave Mayor Strong the power of removal for six months after appoint-

the power of removal for six months after appointment. Whether the new charter gives this power to Mayor Van Wyck is the question that is doubtful in Tammany's mind.

The School Commissioners are not anxious to retain their seats for personal reasons, but they know what it means to turn the Tiger loose upon the school system, and they desire to defer that evil day to the last possible moment.

WANT MORE COMMITTEEMEN

When James M. E. O'Grady, Speaker of the last Assembly and prospective Speaker of the one which is to organize at Albany next month, was in the city the other day, Senator Cantor, Democratic leader of the State Senate, and Thomas F. Donnelly, minority leader of the Assembly of 1897, had an interview with him, in which they urged that in making up his committees in January he give an increased representation to the Democrats. In an increased representation to the Democrats. In the last Assembly there were only two or three Democratic members on each committee. The Democratic leaders will make a strenuous effort to have the representation of their party increased, and Senator Cantor said last night that the plan was being seriously considered, in case their demand should be ignored, of the Democratic Assemblymen refusing to accept any committee places whatever, thus placing upon the Republican majority the sole responsibility for all legislation, and fighting their battles entirely on the floor of the House.

FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS FOR NEW-YORK. Senator Thomas C. Platt was visited in his rooms at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last evening by political friends, to whom he spoke freely about his trip to Washington and his talk with President Mc-Kinley on Thursday. He said that his talk with the President had been entirely satisfactory, and that the appointments of General Henry L. Burnett as United States District-Attorney and William Henkel as United States Marshal would be announced soon after New Year's, as also would be the ap-pointment of John G. Ward as Collector of Internal

pointment of John G. Ward as Collector of Internat Revenue in the district which includes Albany and a part of this city. Senator Platt said that the appointment of a United States District Judge to succeed the late Asa W. Tenney was also discussed with the President, but the Senator did not tell his friends who had been recommended by him for appointment. Mr. Platt would not talk about the local Republican situation or about Louis F. Payn's attack upon President Quigg of the Republican County Committee.

THE OPPOSITION TO HANNA IN OHIO. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 24.- "The State Journal" this morning prints a story saying that the Republicans, led by Charles Kurtz, in opposition to the reelection of Senator Hanna have promised to support free silver as the price of the defeat of Senator Hanna. The story, "The Journal" states, rom a man who asserts that Mr. Hanna will be de-

"The Journal" says: feated. "Conferences are being held in various parts of the State by Democrats, who have gathered at the di-State by Democrats, who have gathered at the di-rection of McLean and the free sliver leaders, to plan for bringing pressure to bear upon Democratic members of the Legislature to vote for Governor Bushnell, and the argument which is used in these conferences to convince the doubting and bring con-viction to the hesitating is that Bushnell has sur-rendered to the Bryanite idea of finance and will act with the free silver men in the United States Senate if elected."

OBITUARY.

HENRY M. TABER.

Henry Morehouse Taber, a cotton merchant at No. 141 Pearl-st., died at his home, No. 42 West Twelfth-st., yesterday, after an illness of about two months. Mr. Taber came from an old New-England family. He was the son of David C. Taber, and was born in Saugatuck (Westport), Conn., in 1825. He entered business in this city at an early age, and formed a partnership with his brother, C. C in 1849, under the name of Taber & Co. In 1856 the firm's name was changed to C. C. & H. M. Taber. In 1884 he formed a partnership with his brother, W. P. Taber. Mr. Taber was a member of the Cotton Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce. He was a director in a number of insurance companies, a member of the Advisory Committee of the United States Lloyds, a trustee of the Manhattan Savings Institution, president of the Utica Cotton Company and a director of many banks and ten Company and a director of many banks and trust companies. He was a member of the Union League, Metropolitan and other clubs and institutions, and was treasurer and president of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, and president of the New-York Cremation Society. Kidney and heart trouble was the cause of death. Mr. Taber married Miss Mary Elizabeth Phillips in 1888. She died in 1888. Two children survive.

W. R. L. WARD. W. R. L. Ward, of No. 230 West Seventy-fourtha resident of this city for forty years, died at home on Thursday from pneumonia, at the age of eighty-six. He was born and passed his early life in Salem, Mass., whence he removed to Buffalo, in which place he engaged in business for about twenty years. His life in New-York was a retired one. Two sons, J. Langdon Ward and Raymond L. Ward, of this city, and a daughter, Mrs. J. Norman Jackson, of Philadelphia, survive him. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the house. The burial will be at Salem.

EX-CONGRESSMAN JOHN PATTON.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.-Ex-Congressman John Patton, of Curwensville, Penn., died in this city last night after a long illness. He was seventy-four years old. Mr. Patton was president of the First National Bank of Curwensville, and later of a private bank which succeeded that Institution. was a delegate to the National Convention of the Whig party at Baltimore which nominated General Scott for the Presidency and a delegate to the Chicago Convention which nominated Lincoln, the XXIVth District of Pennsylvania. He was elected again in 1886. Mr. Patton was active in Methodist Episcopal Church matters. He was a trustee of Dickinson Seminary, Drew Theological Seminary and the American University at Wash-ington. Two daughters and five sons survive him, among the latter, being ex-United States Senator John Patton, jr., of Grand Rapids, Mich.

MONTRESSOR T. ALLEN. Woburn, Mass., Dec. 24.—Montressor T. Allen, ex-Mayor of Woburn, and a well-known lawyer of Boston, died at his home here to-day from val-vular disease of the heart.

CORNELIUS KORTRIGHT. Barrie, Ont., Dec. 24.-Sir Cornelius Kortright,

aged eighty years, died yesterday, after a lingering He was at one time Governor of British illness. Gutana, and filled other positions in the British diplomatic service. AUGUSTUS CLARK.

Amsterdam, N. Y., Dec. 24.-General Augustus

Clark, age seventy-seven, a retired manufacturer,

dropped dead to-day of heart disease. He ob-

tained the title of General by service in the old DROWNING OF THE CAPTAIN.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 24.-A sad drowning accident occurred in the harbor this afternoon. As the schooner Dora Lawson, bound for Newfound-land, on a herring trip, was at the mouth of the harbor her main sheet caught in the taffrail. Captain Hagberg attempted to release it when his foot stipped, and he fell overboard. A dory was quickly supped, and he ren overboard. A dory was quickly lowered, and the crew attempted to save him, but without success. Captain Hagberg was thirty-six years of age, a native of Sweden, and was one of the most popular and able skippers that sailed from this port. He was married here about a year ago, and at the same hour that he was drowned his wife gave birth to a son. KENNEDY JURY SAT ALL NIGHT.

DECIDED FINALLY THAT THE FATAL BLOW WAS "SAID TO HAVE BEEN INFLICTED" BY POLICEMAN WOODLEY'S CLUB.

After sitting all night and hearing testimony, the Coroner's jury that has been inquiring into the death of James Kennedy, who died on November 28 in Roosevelt Hospital, brought in a verdict at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, to the effect that Ken-nedy's death was due to "a fractured skull and cerebral hemorrhage, said to have been caused by blow inflicted by a club in the hands of Patrolman of the West Thirty-seventh-st. Heary Woodley," station. Woodley was committed to the Tombs by Corner Tuthill, in default of \$10,000 ball, to await the action of the Grand Jury.

The alleged clubbing happened on the morning of November 28 last, in Tenth-ave., near Thirtieth-st. Many persons were called as witnesses. Sylvester Titus, colored, of No. 447 West Twenty-seventh-st., testified that he saw Kennedy standing in the street, while a throng was gathered around Polices man Woodley, who was lying on his back in the gutter. On the stand Woodley swore that he saw Kennedy and a man known as "Butch" Reilly at

gutter. On the stand Woodley swore that he saw Kennedy and a man known as "Butch" Reilly at Thirtieth-st. and Tenth-ave. They were drinking whiskey from flasks. He ordered them not to loiter in the street. He saw them a little later in Twenty-eighth st., between Tenth and Eleventh aves., and they, with two other men, spoke to him. One of the men asked him what right he had to give them orders, and called him vile hames. Kennedy them orders, and called him vile hames. Kennedy them orders, and called him vile hames. Kennedy the had him (Woodley).

After Reilly had hit him twice with his flats, Woodley swore, he arrested the man. A fleres struggle ensued between them, and Kennedy attempted to rescue the prisoner. The two were helped by a number of persons living in the tenement-houses in the street, who were awakened by the scuffle. Reilly got away from him twice, Woodley said, and when he caught held of his prisoner for the third time both men grabbed him, and Kennedy struck him in the neck with his fist. Woodley said that he then drew his club and awung it. He had no intention of hitting any one. After striking him Kennedy had started to run away. He stumbled while crossing the car tracks in Tenth-ave, and was crawling on his hands and knees when arrested by Policeman Powers. Other witnesses showed the prisoners were taken to the station, and later Kennedy was transferred to the hospital.

A DYNAMITE GUN TESTED.

A new dynamite gun, the invention of the Sims-Dudley Defensive Company, had a successful trial under the direction of Mr. Sims, at Glen Cove, yesterday afternoon. The gun, which is seventeen feet long, was placed on West Island. The gun has a range of two and a half miles, and at the end of the tests it was declared to be a success.

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DIED. CONGER-December 24, Stephen H. Conger, of Summit. N. J., in his 77th year, uneral Monday, December 27, at noon, from his late resi-dence.

dence.

CROKER—On Friday, December 24, 1897, suddenly, George Sands Croker, in his 64th year.

Funeral services at the residence of Dr. William T. Jenkins, Pennsylvania-ave., Clifton, Staten Island, on Sunday, at 7 p. m.

Funeral private on Monday.

Interment at Woodlawn.

CHESEN At Princeton, N. J. December, 23, Chapter. ORESEN-At Princeton, N. J., December 23, Charles Ewing Green, LL. D., in the 58th year of his age. Functal from his late residence, N., 155 West State-st., Trenton, on Monday, December 27, at 12 noon.

HINE-At Englewood, N. J., December 24, Henry March Hine, aged 51. Funeral Monday afternoon, December 27, at 3:30, from the residence of L. E. Curtis. MCUARRIE—At College Point, Long Island, December 23, 1897, Harriet Anderson McQuarrie, of Dumfries, Scotland, in her 321 year.
Funeral from her late residence, Saturday, December 23, at 2 p, m.

at 2 p. m.

SHEPARD—On Friday, December 24, 1897, Maria B.
Shepard, aged 72 years.
Funeral services at the Church of the Beloved Disciple,
50th-st. near Madison-ave., on Monday, December 27,
at 11 o'clock a. m.
Interment at Poughkeepsie.

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SUMNER—At his residence, Hartford, Conn., Thursday, 23d irst., William Sumner, aged 72. Interment Spring Grovs, Cincinnati, Ohio.

WARD—On Thursday, December 23, William R. L. Ward, aged 86 years.

Funeral services at his late residence, No. 236 West 74th—at., on Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

Interment at Salem, Mass.

WHITALL—On Fourth Day, 22d inst., of pneumonia, Sarah R. Whitali.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 607 Lexington—ava., on First Day, 20th inst., at 9:45 a. m.

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